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SUBJ: PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT OF SYG WALDHEIM'S TRIP TO MIDDLE

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1. UN SPOKESMAN AT NOON BRIEFING JANUARY 25 RELEASED FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON WALDHEIM'S VISIT TO MIDDLE EAST.

QUOTE:

SECRETARY-GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM WILL LEAVE UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS ON MONDAY, 31 JANUARY, ON HIS WAY TO THE MIDDLE EAST WHERE HE WILL CONSULT WITH THE PARTIES CONCERNED ON WAYS TO RESUME THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS AIMED AT A SETTLEMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WILL VISIT EGYPT (2-4 FEBRUARY), SYRIA (4-7 FEBRUARY), LEBANON (7-8 FEBRUARY), JORDAN (8-10 FEBRUARY) AND ISRAEL (10-11 FEBRUARY). UNCLASSIFIED

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IN LEBANON, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE UNITED NATION ROLE IN RELIEF AND REHABILITATION EFFORTS. UNQUOTE

2. FOLLOWING READING OF STATEMENT, SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED THAT WALDHEIM WOULD MEET WITH PLO LEADER ARAFAT AT

PLACE AND TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER. SPOKESMAN ALSO NOTED THAT SYG MIGHT STOP SECOND TIME IN CAIRO AT END OF TRIP AFTER VISIT TO JERUSALEM. SECOND CAIRO VISIT "WAS STILL OPEN" ACCORDING TO SPOKESMAN. HE ALSO COMMENTED THAT SYG WOULD STOP OVER IN EUROPE, PROBABLY GENEVA EN ROUTE TO CAIRO.

3. SPOKESMAN ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT SYG WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY UNDER SECRETARIES GENERAL GUYER AND URQUHART, SPECIAL ASSISTANT ON THE MIDDLE EAST JAMES O. C. JONAH, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SYG FERDINAND MAYRHOFER-GRUNBUHEL, PRESS REPRESENTATIVES RUDOLPH STAJDUHAR, MARCEL MARTIN, AND FRANCOIS GUILIANI, AND SECURITY STAFFER GEORGE POLK. BENNETT

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